

### REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment responds to the April 16, 2003, Office Action.

Claims 26 through 42 are pending in the application. Claims 26 and 38 are amended by this response.

The applicants thank the Examiner for conducting a telephone interview on July 10, 2003, with the applicants' attorney. The applicants amend claims 26 and 38 in accordance to comments exchanged during the interview. The amendments to claims 26 and 38 are supported by applicants' Figure 1.

#### **Rejection of Claims 26 through 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)**


The Examiner maintains the rejection of claims 26 through 42 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), stating that the claims are anticipated by U.S. Patent Number 5,445,713 to Kunihiisa et al. The applicants traverse this rejection and request reconsideration.

The Examiner states in the July 10, 2003, Interview Summary that "an amendment indicating that the ENTIRE sections are located above the ENTIRE top side of the belt (as supported by Figure 1 of the application) would appear to distinguish over Kunihiisa et al." The applicants amend claims 26 and 38 accordingly. This rejection should be withdrawn.

#### **Conclusion**

The application is believed to be in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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